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Uranium Pits No. 1 and No. 2, near Pribram

1. The pits are about 6 km. south of Pribram, covering an area 300 x 150 m. The mining area is wooded.
2. The whole mining area is fenced with a quadruple barbed-wire fence. The outer fences are about 1.50 m. high, the inner fences are about 2.80 m. high. Between the two inner fences there are guard towers about 7 m. high, at intervals of about 50 m., manned by an SNB guard with a machine gun and an automatic. There is a searchlight on each tower. Four SNB men are always on guard in the gatekeeper's post.
3. In both mines there are about 60 civilian employees, of whom about 15 are women. The main work is carried on by prisoners from the camp situated between the two mines. In all, about 300 prisoners work in Pit No. 1, about 250 in Pit No. 2. The remainder of the prisoners go to work in the Kamenna Pit which is situated about 3 km. from Pits Nos. 1 and 2. Two-thirds of the civilian employees who work in the mines are brigade workers.
4. Besides the excavators, which are of Russian origin, all the machinery is of Czech manufacture and antiquated.
5. All the material requirements come from the main storehouses in Ostrov.
6. About 900 tons of material, both useful and waste, is mined daily in three shifts from both pits. The veins of pitchblende are on the average 6-8 cm. thick.
7. The ore which is mined is delivered in freight trucks to Vykanov. Four freight trucks of ore are delivered weekly. The carrying capacity of the trucks is 10 tons.

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8. In both pits, the plan is fulfilled up to 85%.
9. The prisoners working in the mine earn, on an average, 1,200 Kcs. a month gross. From this, 600 Kcs. are deducted for food, lodging, and clothing, 300 Kcs. are paid as pocket money and 300 Kcs. kept in reserve, allegedly to be paid to the prisoner on release from the camp. Prisoners doing surface work get about 800 Kcs.

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10. The pit is inspected by a Russian called Yelizarev (fnu), an engineer.

11. Morale is poor, for there is dissatisfaction with the pay. At the beginning of August 1953, there was a strike in the mine, where better pay and better food were demanded. The pay raise was not granted. The prisoners had to stand for over 24 hours in the yard under observation as a punishment; all privileges were taken away from them and one wage payment was cancelled.
12. The civilians have their meals in the works canteen, which is in their camp. The prisoners have their canteen in their own camp.
13. The civilian brigade workers are housed in a camp which is situated half way between the pits and Pribram.
14. The prisoners have a monthly meeting with political instruction.

Uranium Pits No. 10 and No. 13, near Pribram

15. The pits are situated 5 km. east of Pribram and cover an area 310 x 150 m. in size. About 40 m. east of the pits runs the road from Strakonice to Prague. The mine area is situated in a wood.
16. The pits are fenced with a quadruple barbed-wire fence. The outer fences are about 150 cm. high, the inner, about 280 cm. high. Around the whole area between the inner fences there are guard towers at intervals of about 60 m., each, manned by an SNB guard armed with a machine gun and an automatic. Each tower has a searchlight. There are always three or four SNB guards in the gatekeeper's post.
17. About 240 civilian employees work in the two pits. The majority are half-year or full-year brigade workers. These civilian employees are to be replaced by prisoners. The replacement started in August.
18. In Pit No. 10 there is old machinery. Pit No. 13 has recently been fitted up with modern machinery. The mechanical equipment is about half Czech manufacture and half Russian manufacture.
19. All the material requirements are brought from the auxiliary storehouses in Pribram, where all the material is delivered from Ostrov.
20. Two hundred forty tons of material (useful and waste) is mined from Pit No. 13.¹ No mining is done in Pit No. 10.
21. The ore is taken in freight trucks to Vykmánov. The quantity is unknown.
22. The wages in Pit No. 13 are said to be higher than in any of the other pits.
23. Before the currency reform the morale in the mine was good, and the miners were satisfied with the pay.
24. The civilian employees are housed in a camp situated halfway between Pits Nos. 1 and 2 and Pribram.

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25. The civilian employees mostly have their meals in the works canteen in their camp.
26. The civilian employees have a meeting for political instruction once a week.

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1. Comment. Presumably daily.

Legend to Plan of Pits Nos. 1 and 2

1. Pit No. 2, four levels, depth not known.
2. Machine shop, about 8 m. high.
3. Mechanical repairs shop, about 3 m. high.
4. Offices, wooden building, about 3 m. high.
5. Lamp shop, wooden building, about 3 m. high.
6. Marking shop (znamkovna), brick building, about 3 m. high.
7. Offices for Pit No. 1, wooden building, about 3 m. high.
8. Lamp shop, wooden building, about 3 m. high.
9. Garages, wooden building, about 3 m. high.
10. Pit No. 1.
11. Machine shop.
12. Mechanical repairs shop.
13. Clothing store for camp.
14. Camp command headquarters, brick buildings, about 5 m. high.
15. Prison camp, wooden huts, about 3 m. high, 120 prisoners to each hut, total 1,100. 90% are political prisoners, with sentences of more than 10 years.
16. SNB barracks, wooden huts, about 3.5 m. high. 250 SNB guards occupy them and guard the prisoners.

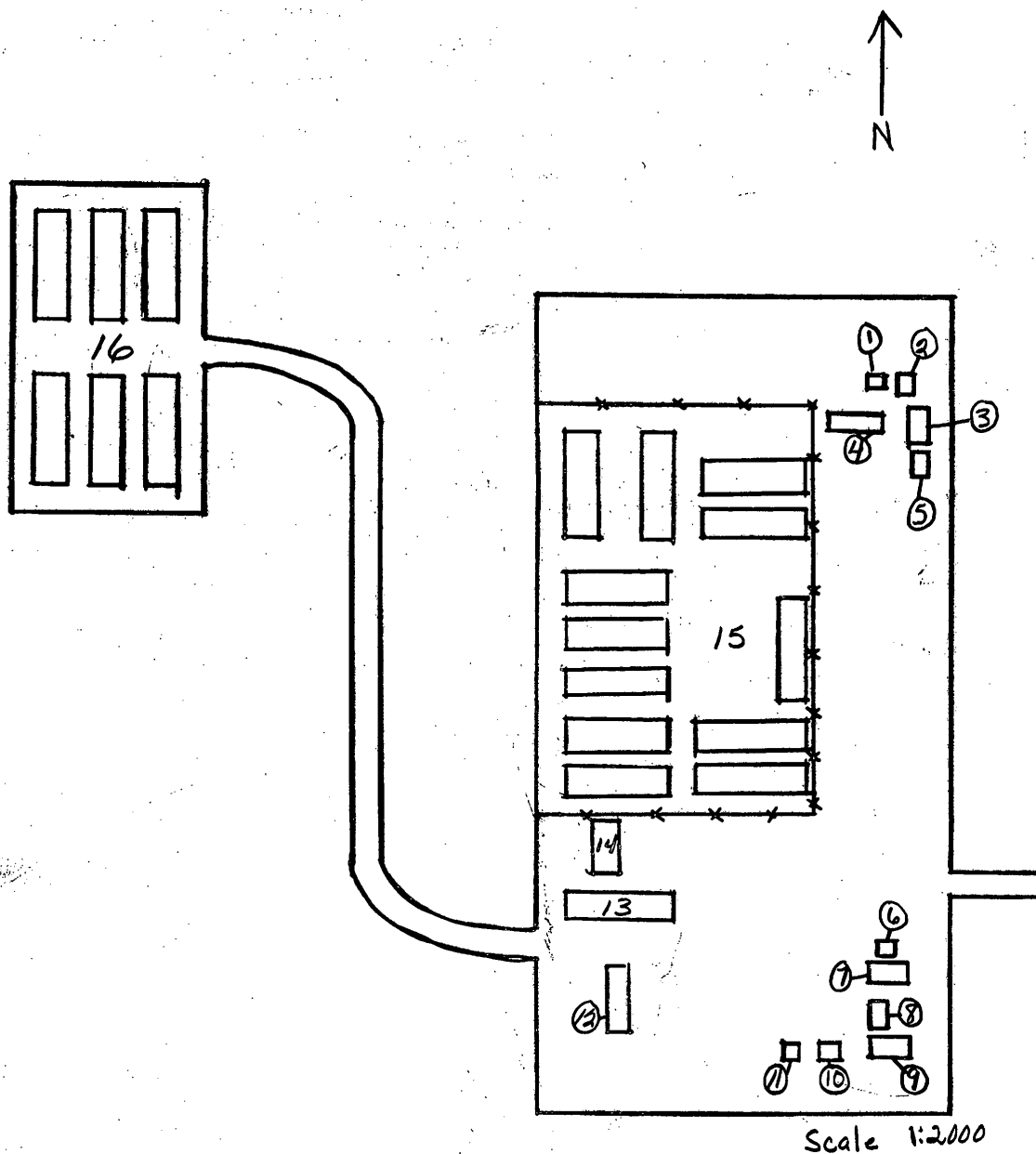
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Legend to Plan of Pits. No. 10 and No. 13 at Pribram

1. Pit. No. 10. This is an old pit which is not being worked, but is an auxiliary to No. 13. Maintenance work is carried on in Pit 10.
2. Offices, wooden building, 3 m. high.
3. Machine shop, wooden building, concrete foundation, height 7 m.
4. Lamp shop, wooden building, height 3 m.
5. Newly built prisoners' camp, finished in July 1953. Wooden huts, about 3 m. high. There are probably about 600 prisoners in the camp.
6. Pit No. 13, three levels. It is being deepened.
7. Lamp shop, wooden building, 3 m. high.
8. Machine shop, brick building, about 8 m. high.
9. Offices, wooden building, about 3.5 m. high.
10. Cloakrooms and washrooms, wooden building, about 3.5 m. high.
11. Camp- SNB barracks.

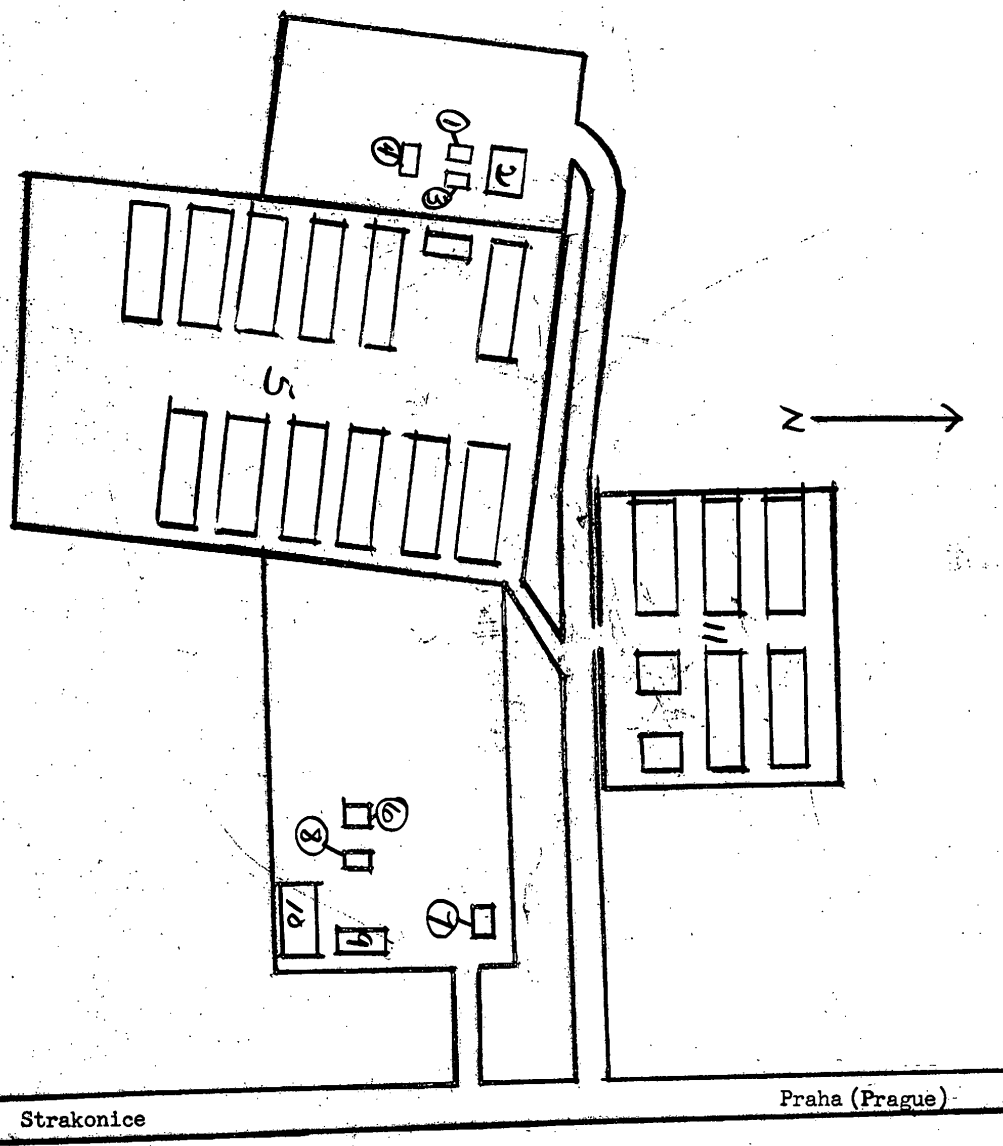
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Uranium Pits # 10 and 13 in Pribram



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